

**TOWN OF WADESBORO  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017–5:00 P.M.**

Town Council members present: Bobby Usrey, John Ballard, James David Lee, Fred Davis and Jeremy Burr. Town attorney, Aaron Bates was present. Councilman Fred Davis was absent.

Department Heads present: Public Utilities Director Hugh James, Police Chief Thedis Spencer and Fire Chief Marc Sessions.

Mayor Thacker opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and presided.

Councilman Bobby Usrey gave the invocation.

John Ballard made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes: take off number 8 Pre Budget Public Hearing and take off 12 d Fire Station. Passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the following consent agenda items which passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

- A. Approval of January 9, 2017 minutes.
- B. Approve 2017 Annual Retreat Agenda (Attachment A)
- C. Set speed limit at 20 MPH on S. Rutherford Street from Hwy 74 South to Camden Road
- D. Approve codification of previously approved water cut-off policy (Attachment B)
- E. Approve public property naming/dedication policy (Attachment C )

Citizen's comments: Jeff Boothsby advised the Council that the Tourism Authority is in favor of Chamber Shamrock 5k run.

Mr. Terry L. Helms of Morven Road, Wadesboro spoke to the Council about his concerns on yard sale limitations. Mayor Thacker advised Mr. Helms that the Council had not discussed this any further since he last brought this before the Council.

Ms. Tamika Brown was on agenda to discuss trash collection. Ms. Brown was a no show.

Shelby Emrich spoke to the Council about the Chamber of Commerce Shamrock 5k run on March 17, 2017.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to adopt the resolution for the Chamber of Commerce Shamrock 5k. Passed 5 for 0 against. (Attachment D)

Fire Chief Marc Session spoke to the Council concerning the new Fire Department Building. The light gray roof color, which the Council had previously approved, is no longer available. James David Lee made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to change the color of the roof to dark bronze. Passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Mayor Thacker made the board aware of the dates which have been set for budget workshops. The dates are April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Fire Chief Marc Sessions made the Council aware of the fact that the Wadesboro Volunteer Fire Department had obtained Rescue Status at the inspection from the OSFM the previous week.

Town Manager, Alex Sewell gave the finance report to the Council.

John Ballard made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve two budget amendments in the amount of \$12,000 each which account for increased fire station associated phase 2 environmental costs. Passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Attachment E and F)

Public Utilities Director Hugh James spoke to the Council about the cost for a new limb truck. Mr. James also discussed bridge repairs on the Burns Street Bridge with the Council. James David Lee made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve to write letter to start bridge repair. Passed with vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Mr. James also gave cost of adding street lights on Highway 74 from 52N to the end of Walmart parking lot to Council. (Attachment G) Mayor Thacker said they would be talking more about this in discussions for next year's budget.

David Harrington of Ingram Street spoke to the Council about putting drain pipes on Ingram Street. Mayor Thacker advised Mr. Harrington that Mr. Sewell and he had spoken this morning about this. Mr. Sewell said they were in process of getting cost estimate and have found grant which we are trying to apply.

Mayor and Council Comments: Bobby Usrey asked about citizens who are not paying trash bills and are hauling off trash themselves in lieu of paying bill. Mr. Sewell advised Mr. Usrey that we are turning these people over to NC Debt Set Off.

Fred Davis made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go into a closed session for a Personnel matter as per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (6) , Real Estate matter as per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and Attorney-Client Privilege as per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3). Passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Fred Davis made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to come out of closed session. Passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope  
Clerk to the Town Council  
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